



LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY NEWS & Current Events

TOURNIQUET AND TRAUMA KITS

With the tireless efforts of the Statewide Law Enforcement individuals and Agencies, the 53rd session of the New Mexico Legislature passed House Bill 9 titled "Tourniquet and Trauma Kit Training and Distribution" and on April 6, 2017, Governor Susana Martinez signed the bill into law.

The vision and impetus for this program came from BCSO Deputy Robin Hopkins (Ret.) who was shot with an AK-47 on October 26, 2013. If Robin had not been carrying a Tourniquet on her at the time, the outcome would not have been the same. Robin and a dedicated



group of individuals set out on a mission to make House Bill 9 a reality; a special thanks to this group, which included Robin Hopkins, Mark Shea, Marty Vigil and Elliott Guttman for their efforts.

While this is exceptional news for our Statewide Law Enforcement Professionals, there was not an appropriation for the initial program. Fortunately, New Mexico Department of Public Safety Cabinet Sec-

retary Scott Weaver; Deputy Secretary Amy Orlando; and New Mexico State Police Chief Pete Kassetas stepped in and funded the program for the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy to purchase the kits and develop the training and logistics for deployment.

After considerable research and consultation with experts in the field of emergency medicine, the kit will contain the following:

- Soft "T" Tourniquet Wide
- Olaes Modular Bandage
- Occlusive Dressing 3"x18"
- 4 1/2 " Trauma Shears

The kits contents are vacuum sealed in a clear plastic bag which measures approximately 5" wide, by 6 1/2" long, by 1" thick.

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In Case You Missed it...

Updates to the New Mexico Administrative Code: What has changed?

The recently proposed and approved New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) changes are a part of the Law Enforcement Academy's (LEA) ongoing commitment to maintain and raise the current standards for certification and training throughout New Mexico. All changes proposed are for the betterment of statewide law enforcement and public safety operations and fall within the scope of the Law Enforcement Training Act of the New Mexico State Statute 1978 NMSA.

In accordance with the State Rules Act, the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy must publish all Notices of Rulemaking and all Adopted Rules, including emergency rules, filed with the Commission of Public Records in the **New Mexico Register**, which is held and maintained by State Records Center and Archives.

Since the LEA believes in transparency with the law enforcement and public safety agencies and personnel we serve, as well as the public, any and all proposed changes are published for review and notices of Public Hearings directly related to the changes proposed are available on our website and through direct request to the Academy.

Overview of changes recently proposed and approved:

Sections 10.29.1; 10.29.4; and 10.29.10 NMAC have been updated and the LEA Board approved changes affect the following categories and processes:

- New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board meetings and related business
- New Mexico Certified law enforcement officer and public safety telecommuni-

cator mailing address database

- Withdrawal/Dismissal from Enrollment to New Mexico Law Enforcement Academies
- Instructor Certifications and Advanced Certifications
- Public Safety Telecommunicator training and certification

What do these changes mean?

All of the approved changes will benefit those individuals who seek or hold New Mexico certification as either a law enforcement officer or public safety telecommunicator; the changes reflect the LEA's focus on streamlining and providing clarification of processes that directly impact and relate to training and certification.

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Save the Date Important Dates & Deadlines

- Basic class #195 begins - July 9, 2017
- PST Certification by Waiver August 7 - August 16
- PST #136 September 11 - September 29
- CBW #93 November 6 - November 17

As we are quickly approaching the end of the 2016-2017 In-Service Training Cycle, this is a friendly reminder that all training for the cycle:

- **MUST be completed no later than 12/31/17**
- **MUST be reported to the NMLEA no later than 3/1/18**

To access the current standards, please visit: <http://164.64.110.239/nmac/parts/title10/10.029.0007.htm>

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After a competitive quote process, Tactical Medical Solutions, Inc. was selected as the vendor for these kits.

It is the intent that the entire kit contents be carried on the Officer for it to be of any benefit. These kits are not intended to replace local EMS, but rather to provide immediate hemorrhage control to an Officer in the case of self-aid, another Officer, or citizens which has resulted from a significant trauma.

commercially available from ankle carriers, belt carriers or chest carriers should an Agency decide to purchase a carrier on their own. This program will be implemented in four phases:

Phase I: Identify kit contents, vendor and place order. Create Agency application.

Phase II: With the input of medical specialists, create a train the trainer and end-user curriculum and an Agency re-issue application should a kit be used and need to be

being circulated in draft format to a few Agencies for their review and feedback. Once complete, the application will be published on the NMLEA web site.

Currently we are scheduling meetings with tactical team medical directors, emergency physicians and medical specialists to outline the curriculum. We are also creating the re-application form to replace a kit when it is used.

We will conduct a number of train the trainer courses regionally and the course fee will be free of charge to the Agencies.

With Phases 1 and 2 already underway and mostly realized, the goal is to have all four phases completed by early October. While this is an ambitious schedule, with the Agencies responsiveness and support we can meet these timelines.

So, what does an Agency need to do next? Here is a step by step list:

1. Agencies in need of the training and kits can begin to determine the number of kits they need and identify an individual, or individuals, to participate in the train the trainer instructor program.
2. When an Agency is identifying a potential instructor candidate, please assure they have already met the requirements of being a NMDPS Certified General Instructor and it would be beneficial to have some emergency medical background.
3. Select a single point of contact for the Agency for this program and have them follow the link on the NMLEA web site for the [Tourniquet and Trauma Kit application](#) and complete the application. Each Agency will only submit 1 application for their entire Department. Even if your Agency does not need a Tourniquet and Trauma kit, we would still ask

that you complete the form.

4. The Agency representative listed as the instructor or instructor candidates will then be contacted when the training is scheduled in your region. This training will be offered at no cost to the Agency, although the Agency may need to pay for per diem depending on the location of the training.

5. Agencies that already have a Tourniquet and Trauma Kit program in place and their Officers are already trained and issued kits, simply complete the application form and check the box that says: our Agency already has a program in place and we do not need the training or kits, and submit the form ([available by clicking here](#)).

While we have a finite number of kits, we would ask the Agencies to determine their needs based upon those Officers who respond to calls for service. Having a kit lying on the shelf in an office, or in the glove box is not the intent of this program. We want to ensure we get the training and kits to those Officers who could utilize them should a need arise. When an Agency is identifying a potential instructor candidate, please assure they have already met the requirements of being a NMDPS Certified General Instructor and it would be beneficial to have some emergency medical background. ■



Considerations for the kit included available carrying space for Officers while on duty; and while the Agencies can ultimately decide how and where their Officers carry the kit or its contents, the packaging was picked specifically so the Officer could place it in their trauma plate pouch on their ballistic vests. The kits fit between the trauma plate and the ballistic panels. In this location, Officers are able to access the kit with either hand and from any position, such as lying down, sitting, kneeling, etc.

replaced.

Phase III: Conduct several large train the trainer courses regionally across the State, and deploy training kits to our Statewide Satellite Academies to be used in Basic and CBW Training classes.

Phase IV: Deploy Tourniquet and Trauma kits to the Statewide Law Enforcement Agencies

The majority of Phase I is complete. The Tourniquet and Trauma kits will have arrived by June 30, 2017. The Agency Application is

There are a number of carriers

Upcoming Advanced Training

IPTM Traffic Crash Reconstruction
Santa Fe
July 17 - July 28

HB 93 Train-the-Trainer Santa Fe
August 27 - Sept. 1

2016-2017 Biennium Training Santa Fe
Sept. 11 - Sept. 15

SFST Instructor Update
Las Cruces
July 25

For more information, or to register for any upcoming advanced training, please visit:

<http://nmlea.dps.state.nm.us/index.php/advanced-training-bureau/course-calendar/>

Scan the code to access the Trauma Kit request form



A Letter from the Director

Thank you for reading our second quarterly newsletter. Let me take this opportunity to catch you up on some of what is going on at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy.

We graduated 58 cadets from the 194th Basic Police Officer Training Class on May 18, 2017. Our satellite academies in Hobbs and Silver City both graduated classes on June 30, 2017, and the academies in Albuquerque and Farmington also graduated classes in late May. The New Mexico State Police graduated a class on May 5, and will soon be starting a lateral class.

The 195th Basic Police Officer Training Class begins on Monday, July 9. It's a smaller class than the previous class. We had fewer applicants, but we also had a surprising number who could not pass the physical assessment. The entry standards are pretty clear:

1. 1.5 mile run:
15:54 minutes
2. 1 minute sit-up: 27
3. 1 minute push-up: 15
4. 300 meter run:
71 seconds

These standards are set by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board. They are the same for men and women, and apply regardless of age. The test is administered at an assessment prior to starting the academy, and again soon after the Academy begins. There are also progressively more difficult mid-term assessments and final assessments that must be passed, along with two agility tests. Agencies should be pushing their cadets so that meeting these standards are not an issue.

As previously announced, we are limiting future classes to 60 cadets, as it is necessary to optimize effective skills-based training. The fitness requirement discussed above is a necessary component, as it ensures that our cadets can perform well during the various skills-development training while minimizing injury potential.

Additionally, the Academy will be hosting its first Certification by Waiver Public Safety Telecommunicator class for dispatchers who have been certified in other states or whose certification has lapsed. That class will begin on August 7, 2017.

In addition to the PST CBW, we also have two more officer Certification by Waiver classes scheduled for this year, and two more Basic Public Safety Telecommunicator classes scheduled.

We will also offer 40 hour Officer Biennium Training classes in September, October, November and Decem-

ber and a Public Safety Telecommunicator In-Service in October.

Beginning in January, 2018 the Academy will be hosting a three part leadership course conducted by the FBI-LEEDA. The courses will be Supervisor Leadership, Command Leadership, and Executive Leadership, each of which is a 40 hour course.



As a reminder, we are rapidly approaching the end of the 2016-2017 biennium training cycle. Please assure **all** of your NM Certified Officers and Telecommunicators have met the requirements necessary to maintain their Certification. Part of these requirements are assuring that Officers have met their annual day and night handgun qualifications as required in 10.29.9.14 NMAC (<http://164.64.110.239/nmac/>

[parts/
title10/10.029.0009.htm](http://164.64.110.239/nmac/parts/title10/10.029.0009.htm)).

While all of the required training must be completed by December 31, 2017, the reporting requirements must be completed and submitted to the NM Law Enforcement Academy by March 1, 2018. Officer reporting form: <http://nmlea.dps.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/LEA-84.pdf> or Telecommunicator reporting form: <http://nmlea.dps.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/LEA-84A.pdf>

In other news, the Academy has been moving quickly to meet the legislated requirements of HB 9, which will be addressed elsewhere in this newsletter. Essentially it requires the Academy to provide a trauma kit, and the necessary training, to all certified New Mexico law enforcement officers. It is a great move forward for New Mexico and the first statewide initiative in the country. It is excit-

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The major changes approved provide clearer guidelines for certified individuals when applying for instructor level and advanced level certifications as well as a major overhaul and update to the public safety telecommunicator basic training curriculum. One exciting addition to 10.29.4 NMAC is the ability for public safety telecommunicators to apply for and receive advanced level certifications in order to achieve higher levels of career advancement and satisfaction. The requirements for

instructor level certifications have also been enhanced to provide more transparency about the process and the documentation that may be requested in order to alleviate the confusion and backlog of application processing. As always, the Advanced Training Bureau welcomes additional questions, but with the approved changes has addressed the most commonly received questions and hopes that this will create efficacy within the department.

The other large proposed change affects the basic Public

Safety Telecommunicator training program; bringing New Mexico to more competitive and relevant National standards. The training has clarified for applicants what they can expect to be covered during the course of their basic training and will allow agencies a clearer picture of where additional training that is beneficial to their specific needs could be focused. Overall, the change here provides a clear path for initial training and continuation of training that may be beneficial to agencies that, in current fiscal climates, need to "make every penny count."

Want More Information?

For further additional information please visit <http://nmlea.dps.state.nm.us/index.php/lea-board> or scan the QR Codes below.

New Mexico Administrative Code
Approved Changes



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ing to see New Mexico leading the nation in this program, and the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy is proud to be part of this endeavor.

Also, the NMLEA has received final approval to move forward with a new data management system. We believe this system will allow us to create a true 21st Century data system that will provide for a much more efficient and accurate records system, better access to those records, and will provide additional opportunities such as dis-

tance learning capabilities. As the system is developed, more information will be provided.

The NMLEA is also pleased to announce that the State of New Mexico has purchased the NMLEA range, with the opportunity to make some needed improvements. We have been leasing the property for many years, and we are excited that purchasing the range will give us the opportunity to further develop the facility to meet the current training needs of law enforcement.

Finally, we have been carefully reviewing the results of a survey completed by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, which looked at the curriculum of 664 law enforcement academies throughout the country. By studying the curriculum of these other academies, we can see if there are areas which might benefit from additional hours training topics or hours of instruction, and areas that perhaps we can cut back. Although there were far more similarities than differences, there are areas that merit closer scrutiny.

The reason for the scrutiny is simple: we are always looking toward the future. Law enforcement has changed, and law enforcement training must change to meet the new needs and requirements. We are committed to training a new generation of law enforcement, with the professionalism and technical skills that are needed. We must constantly strive to instill our core values in our next generation of law enforcement: Communication, Character, Competence, Compassion, Commitment, and Comprehensive Teamwork. ■

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